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San Diego Public Library to Receive National Award for “Stories of Faith” Program

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will be honored with a national award for its program “Stories of Faith: Religion and Diversity in San Diego.”

Presented annually by the American Library Association, the Marshall Cavendish Award recognizes either a school or public library that demonstrates excellence in library programming by providing programs that have community impact and respond to community needs.

“Stories of Faith” was a major, five-month program (September 2004 – January 2005) that featured a variety of activities, including writing workshops, oral history workshops, media documentaries, panel discussions and films. Thousands of San Diego residents participated in the events and partners included universities and religious and cultural organizations. The goal of the project was to enable participants and the general public to learn more about each other's beliefs and values. Coordinated by Library staff members Lynn Whitehouse, Marc Chery and Algae St. Lot, the program was made possible by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities.

“We are honored to be recognized by the American Library Association,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár. “‘Stories of Faith’ was an amazing program that offered San Diegans important opportunities to explore the rich cultural heritage of our community.”

The Library will receive an award of \$2,000, donated by the Marshall Cavendish Corp., and a citation of achievement. The award will be officially presented to the San Diego Public Library at the American Library Association’s annual meeting in Chicago in June.

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